

Mineralia Adjuvanda,



Or a Case shewing who, and what the most Ancient and Honourable Societies and Corporations of the City of London, (of and for the Mines the Mineral, and Battery Works) are, with their Institution, and Constitution, &c. and that the said Societies were founded by Queen Elizabeth, above 140 Years before Sir Humphery Mackworth, and Willam Waller became Tenents to their Silver Mills in Cardiganshire, and the Mines of Consumlock, Cocignan, &c. or the upstart Company of Mine Adventurers imposed on Her Majesty and People and discouraged Mining and Mineral Works by their base and scandalous Stock-jobbings and Dealings.

THE Intent of Publishing this present Case, is to demonstrate and shew what these Societies and Corporations are, when and how Constituted, by whom, and from whom they had their Birth, and Foundation, their Antiquity, and Members. And to distinguish them from the late new erected Company of Mine Adventurers; None of which Company have any Claim, Title, or Interest, in any Priviledges granted to the said Company of Mines Royal, &c. Save what other Tenents and Adventurers enjoy by the like Leases under the said Society of Mines Royal, Mineral and Battery Works: Granted by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; under which Grants the said Societies and Corporations have ever since enjoy'd the said Works, Priviledges, and Immunities. Also a Proposal to Borrow 20000*l*. and to dispose of Sundry Offices, in order to fit the Works vigorously on Foot, and make a speedy Advantage of the Mines Royal, the mineral and the Battery Works, which will make Trade Flourish, and employ several Thousands of Hands.

When King Henry the Seventh was given to understand that the hidden Treasure he was Master of by Virtue of his Royal Prerogative, he constituted and made Jasper Duke of Bedford, and his chief Ministers of State, Commissioners to examine, search, mine, and find out the hidden Treasures in the Earth, which they did and found the same to be of great Advantage to the Crown, which were saved by several Clauses in the Act against Monopolies Jac. 1. and other subsequent Acts.

That King Henry the VIII, and Edward the VI, and Mary the I, were all Princes that had not leisure to mind that inestimable Jewel, found out and set on foot by their said Predecessors, by which means the said Mineral Works were not worked until the virtuous Queen Elizabeth ascended the Throne.

That her Majesty out of her Care to advance the Crown, and the good of her Subjects, of her special Grace, and meer Motion, being made sensible of the great Riches and Treasures aforesaid, in September in the 7th Year of her Reign granted to William Humphry, Esqy Master of her Mint in the Tower of London, and Christopher Shurz a Foreigner, and their Heirs, and Assigns for ever; a Patent to dig, and work Mines, &c. as by those Letters Patents, &c.

The said Queen in the said 7th. Year of her Reign, she granted other Letters Patents to the said Humphrys and Shurz, thereby recited the Letters Patents that she had granted to Cornelius Devor, for getting Stone and Copperas, and also Letters Patents that she had granted to Daniel Hughbitter and Thomas Thurland, for getting Gold, Silver, Copper and Quick silver, &c.

And the said Queen 28th. of May in Anno decimo. By her Patent ratified and confirmed all the said before recited Letters Patents, to the said Persons, and their Heirs and Assigns for ever, &c. and then granted the the said Patentees, with the Lord Chancellor, Sir Nicholas Bacon Kr. and other principal Ministers of State, to be Societies of the City of London. By the Name of Governors, and Assistants, and Societies of the City of London, of and for the Mineral and Battery Works. And from that time thenceforth and for ever, to be one Body politick, incorporate and perpetual, in deed and in Name for ever: And to have a common Seal, and Coat of Arms, &c. with many other Priviledges, Grants and Immunities in that Patent granted to the said Society, and Corporation, and now belonging: *Vide Grant, &c.*

And the said Queen by Letters Patents, dated ult. Sept. 7. Eliz. granted to the said Humphrys and Shurz, and their Heirs, and Assigns for ever, the sole and proper Use of *Lapis Calaminaris*, or Calamine Stone, &c. *pro ut Grant.*

And the said Queen, by Letters Patents of the same Date, reciting the said Letters Patents made to Cornelius Devor, and to Hughbitter, and Thurland; and that she was minded that all the Treasures of the Earth, in all Places within her Majesties Realms and Dominions, should be searched and found out; she granted to the said Humphry and Shurz, and their Heirs, and Assigns for ever, full and free, absolute Power, and Authority, to search, open, mine, dig and try in all Earths, Grounds, Soils, and Places in her Realm of England, and other her Majesties Dominions, and the Territories and Counties thereof, and also in the Kingdom of Ireland, &c. To mine, dig, and get all, and all manner, of Elements, Ores, &c. simple and pure, or mixed or compound, both Minerals of Gold, Silver, Copper, Quick-silver, and of other Earths, Metals or Minerals whatsoever, to them and their Heirs for ever, *pro ut Grant, &c.*

And the said Queen, by Indenture Dat. 17. Sept. 1565.

1565, made between her Majesty of the one Part, and the said *Humphrey* and *Shutz* of the other Part, indented, that after the time of the Date of the last mentioned Grant, they the said *Humphrey* and *Shutz*, should have power to open, dig and work any Mines, &c. in her said Majesties Realms, Territories, and Diminutions, and the Confines thereof, &c. And none to work the same, *per ut* Indentr. And her Majesty indented further, to overthrow all other Mines Tools, and Instruments &c. Set up in prejudice of *Humphrey* and *Shutz*, *vide* Indentr. &c.

And her said Majesty in Anno 1584, again incorporated the said Society, by the Name of Governors, and Assistants of the Company of Mineral and Battery Works, &c. And gave them other Priviledges, &c.

And King James I. in Anno 1609 he incorporated the said Society, with the then Sir Fran. Bacon K^t Lord Chancellor, and Lord Verulam, and other Chief Ministers of State, &c. by the same Name and Titles of Governor, Assistants and Society of the City of London of and for the Mineral and Battery Works, by which Names, and Titles, they have, and now do govern themselves, and act by and under their Conrts, and common Seal of their Corporation ; as other Corporations of the said City of London are governed, &c. By all which it is apparent what this Corporation of Governors Mineral Master and Assistants of the Mines Royal and Battery Works are.

Left that any should say that the said Corporations grants are old and obsolete, let such know that the older the better; and their Grants and Charters have often been renewed with Additional Priviledges, and confirmed by Acts of Parliament, and all their Powers, Protections, and Priviledges to remain for ever. viz. in King James I. Anno 1609 *ut supra* intituled an Act against monopolizing, &c. both in general and particular, 1st. by a saving Clause in general, as Corporations and Societies of the City of London, 2^{dly} by particular saving Clauses for ordinance and Sale-Peter, &c. and to them particularly. for saving those, by them licensed, who set up great Works, for making Alchem, and others, for making of Glass and smalt, and in King Charles I. they had a further Act of Parliament for encouraging their Inventions and Works for making of Iron and white wire, and Proclamations thereupon, issued our through the Kingdom, dated 7th. of May in the 6th. Year of King Charles I. and another for encouraging their Copper, Brass, or Laten Works, and were dated August 19th. in the 14th. Year of King Charles I. then another in King Charles II. in the 16 Year of his Reign and a further Act of Parliament was made for them, and Proclamations againste though out of the Kingdom, *pro utique* Act and Proclamations. Now to shew who the Members of this Constitution are, &c.

The standing Members in this Honourable Body and Corporation are of three or four Sorts, first Honorary Members in Rotundity, the Ministers of State for the Time being.

1. The Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper
2. The *Earl Marshall*
3. The Lord President of the Council
4. The Lord Privy Seal
5. The Lord Treasurer
6. The Lord High Admiral
7. The Lord Chamberlain

8. The Lord High Steward
9. The Lord Chief Justice in Eyre
10. The Principle Secretarys of State
11. The Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*
12. The Chancellor of the Exchequer
13. The Bishop of *London*
14. The Lords Chief Justices, &c.
15. The Master of the Rolls
16. The Speaker of the House of Commons
17. The Lord Chief Baron
18. The Attorney General and Solicitor General.
19. The Lord Mayor of *London*
20. The Sheriffs of *London*

The second Members are such Persons as have shares in the Succession, or Incorporation, by the said Charter, having a Fee simple in the said Society, &c. or bought Shares. And some who also have perpetual Offices in the same, who must be constantly Conversant in the Affairs, to continue and regulate them in all Chances and Vicissitudes. And these Members are,

1. First her M.j-sties Chymist and Mineral Master
General Sir *Moses Stringer*
2. The Earl of *Shaftesbury*. 9. Mr. *Richard Stringer*
3. The Earl of *Dorset*. 10. Mr. — *Danford*.
4. The Earl of *Bradford*. 11. Mr. *Hermes Hypocrates*
5. The Lord *Byron*. *Stringer*, Clerk, principal
6. The Lord *Asburnham*: Register and Secretary.
7. *William Chute Esquire* *Cum multis aliis.*
8. *Charles Chute Esquire*

The third Constitution are temporary Members admitted by the said Company for their Services, or Qualifications, or Offices in the Company for Life.

The First of which is,

The Earl of Peterborough

The Earl of Yarmouth

Sir Thomas Williams late Chymist to King Charles,
and King James. William Pen Esq;

S. Ralph Dutton

S r Gilbert Heathcote

S - Peter King

S. William Fitzackerly

J. Gibson Esq; Town Clerk. Causa multis aliis, &c.

These Persons have all Votes, and Shares, in the perpetual Inheritance of the said Societies and Corporations; together with the Persons whose Names are omitted.

There are other Members that have Shares but not Votes, &c.

Note that the Ancient Rights, and Priviledges, of the aforesaid Expert Chymists and Mineralists viz *Cornelius Dreuz, William Humphrey, Christopher Shutz, Daniel Houghstetter, and Thomas Thugland*; and every of them, are legally descended, and come to the said Societies and Corporation: And they are and ought to be vested with their original Grants, and Powers. 'Tis true that during the time of the late Rebellion in England, all the Rights of the Crown were usurped, and that of this Society amongst the rest; and Persons did what seemed best to them, and set down Stowes, and took Meers any where upon the Crowns Land, or where they pleased, and invaded the Right of the Crown, and that has since given Umbrage and Births to several Grants in prejudice of this Corporation, whereof Queen Elizabeth with

N. B. All persons who have occasion to speak with Dr. Springer, either about Mineral Medicines, or the affairs of this Society, may enquire at his Laboratory at the bottom

desired to send to the Mineral Office General in Blackknights
London, (specimens (or samples) of about five or six
pound weights by the Carrier, with a Letter, free of all
charges, for the Office will not take notice of any Letter or
parcel of Minerals, except the carriage, Postage and Po-
stage be paid, to prevent their being put to expense of time
and money about trifles.

Any Person who shall discover any such concealed Mines or Works, shall have all due encouragement and protection, and shall have a Lease of the same, if capable of Working themselves, yielding and paying to the Mineral Master General a 5th part (out of which he is to pay her Majesty a 10th part, and to the Corporation the parts agreed on before him) and to pay a small annual Rent, and a small fine, the better to prevent several mischiefs, which he wants of such methods have happened.

N B. All such Persons, who intend such discoveries, are

to be a part of the same.

the said Corporation.

III. That whereas several Persons, had Leases and Li-
censes of the said Corporations before the Majesty of King
Charles, and by annual Warrants for working of Mines upon
their Inventions; and setting up various Mineral and Bat-
tery Works in this Kingdom and in Ireland, and other parts
of her Majesty's Realm, Territories, Dominions, and con-
tines of the same; but those miserable times, which were so
fatal to the Royal Prerogative, caused many Works to stand,
which since have been either usurped and wronged by others,
without Authority, or by those, who had the Corporations,
Leases, and Licenses, and neither of them have paid their Rents;
nor paid the Crown the fines, parts, preceptions, &c. due
to the Crown and Corporations; so that the Crown and the
Corporations are both distressed, and great mischief ensues,
both to the publick service and work, and to the woman, for
want of the wholsome Government and providges, wished

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much care and Tenderneſs took pains to exert, and nourish, and indented for her, and her Heirs, with *Wm. Humphry, and Gwist. Shurz*, as aforeſaid and their Heirs and Successors, to overthrow the Opposers &c. to destroy any Tools, Engines, Mills, Edifices, or Instruments made or formed in prejudice of their Works, &c. Whereby the Crown is obliged to defend this Corporation, &c.

And ſince the Reſtoration of King *Charles the II.*, viz. 7th. Aug. 1663. A Conference was had in the Robes Chamber at *White-hall*, betwixt the Right Honourable the Earl of *Pembroke*, and *Montgomery*, and the Lord *Anthony Ashley Cooper* Governors of the ſaid ſeveral Societies, of Mines Royal, and Mineral, and Battery Works, &c. And that Treaty was carried on to Anno 1668, and then it was consummated, and agreed, that the ſaid Societies ſhould be, and become one ſole and entire united Company, by the Name, Title and Style of the Governors, Aſſiſtants, and Societies of the Mines Royal, the Mineral, and Battery Works. Prince *Rupert*, and the ſaid Lord *Shaſtesbury* then Governors of the ſaid Societies; and done at a Court held in the ſaid Robes Chamber at *White hall*. And ſince that time the ſaid Societies have been Conjunct, and one Body, by the Name of Governors, and Aſſiſtants, and Societies of the Mines Royal, and the Mineral, and the Battery Works, &c.

Ever ſince that time Courts have always been called, and kept in the Name of Governors and Aſſiſtants of the Societies of the Mines Royal, and the Mineral, and the Battery Works, &c. And the ſaid Governors, and Aſſiſtants, have continually acted, and done the buſineſs of the ſaid Company, and Corporation, and uſed their common Seal, for the Government and Controle of the ſaid Societies, and let, and ſet, and diſpoſe of the Companies Effects, Houſes, Lands, Mines, or other things, by Virtue of their common

Encouragement for Diſcovery

I **T** H A T the firſt diſcoverer of any Mine of Gold, Silver, or Quick ſilver, ſhall have the firſt Hundred Weight, and the reſuſing of a Leaſe, before it ſhall be granted to any other, and if ſuch diſcovery ſhall not take ſuch Leaſe, a ſhare ſhall be reſerved, in ſuch Mine or Work, to him, and his Heirs and Aſſigns.

II. The firſt diſcoverer of any Mine of Copper, Lead, Tin, Antimony, Biſmuth, &c. ſhall have the firſt Tun, and the advantages aforeſaid.

III. That whereas ſeveral Perſons, had Leaſes and Licenſes of theſe Corporations before the Martyrdom of King *Charles*, and the unnatural Wars, for working of Mines, uſing their Inventions, and ſetting up various Mineral and Battery Works in this Kingdom and in Ireland, and other parts of her Majesties Realms, Territories, Dominions, and confines of the ſame; but thoſe miſerable times, which were ſo fatal to the Royal Prerogative, cauſed many Works to ſtand, which ſince have been either uſurp'd and wrought by others without Authority, or by thoſe, who had the Corporations, Leaſe, and Licence, and neither of them have paid their Rents, nor paid the Crown the ſhares, parts, pre-emption, &c. due to the Crown and Corporations; ſo that the Crown and the Corporation are both defrauded, and great miſchiefs enſue, both to thoſe that pretend to work, and to the workmen, for want of the wholeſome Government and privileges, veſted in the ſaid Corporations.

Wherefore this is to give Notice to all ſuch, to compound

Seal, and alſo taken up Money by the Acts of their Courts, and common Seal, which was deemed good from the Corporation, and the Members thereof, for the Uſe of the Company: Of which Company *Moses Stringer* Eſquire in Anno 1703 was made Deputy Governor, and in the Year 1705, was made Treasurer, and in the Year 1709, Governor.

And ſince Anno 1668, the ſaid Societies have been governed by the ſaid Governors, and Aſſiſtants, with the help of a Mineral Maſter General and acted as one united and ſole Body, and made uſe of the Common Seal on all occaſions, and kept Courts, and let, and ſet as one Body politick, and duly impowered. And do yet act, as Governors, Mineral Maſter General, Aſſiſtants, and Societies of the City of London, of and for the Mines Royal, the Mineral and Battery Works.

That tho' the ſaid united Company hath at leaſt 120000 l. due to them, for Rents, and Arrears of Rents, and at leaſt 460000 l. for Treaſſes, and infringing the Rights of the ſaid Company, as by the ſaid Companies Accounts, kept by their Mineral Maſter General, Treasurer, Governor, &c. his inferior Officers, and the ſaid Companies Books, may at large appear; yet at preſent the ſaid Company, for ſeveral immediate ſpecial Uſes have occaſion to borrow and take up at Intereſt, the Sum of 20000 l. which they deſire to take up upon Credit, by their common Seal, to be given as a Security, by an Act and Order of the ſaid Company, in open Court, for the Repayment of the ſaid Summ of 20000 l. and Intereſt, on the day of next; and that the Governors, Aſſiſtants, and Company may ſtand Security for the true Payment of the ſaid Summ of 20000 l. to whoſoever ſhall lend the ſame, which is judged to be undeniable Security for the ſaid Summ.

Dat. 25th Die Sept. 1710.

per Corporation

of Mines and Mineral Works.

their Arrears and Treaſſes with Sir *Moses Stringer* Mineral Maſter General and Treasurer, and renew their Leaſe, and Licences, or they will be ſued. A Writ of Inquiſition having been executed, and the ſaid Inquiſition found the ſame according to ſeveral Acts of Parliament for that end and purpoſe.

Any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any ſuch concealed Mines or Works, ſhall have all due encouragement and protection, and ſhall have a Leaſe of the ſame, if capable of Working thereof, yielding and paying to the Mineral Maſter General a 5th part (out of which he is to pay her Maſteſty a 10th. part, and to the Corporation the parts agreed on betwixt 'em.) and to pay a ſmall Annual Rent, and a ſmall fine, the better to prevent ſeveral miſchiefs, which for want of ſuch methods have happen'd.

N. B. All ſuch Perſons, who intend ſuch diſcoveries, are deſired to ſend to the Mineral Office General in Blackſtreyers London, ſpecimens (or ſamples) of about five or ſix Pound weight by the Carrier, with a Letter, free of all Charges, for the Office will not take notice of any Letter or parcel of Minerals, except the carriage, Portage and Poſtage be paid, to prevent their being put to expence of Time and money about trifles.

N. B. All Perſons who have occaſion to ſpeak with Dr. *Stringer*, either about Mineral Medicines, or the Affairs of this Society, may enquire at his Laboratory at the Mineral Office Royal in Blackſtreyers.

of this Corporation, whereof Queen Elizabeth was the Umpire and Birth to ſeveral Grants in preſentation the Right of the Crown, and that has been given the Crown Land, or where they pleaſed, and intended

1. The Lord High Admiral
2. The Lord Treasurer
3. The Lord Privy Seal
4. The Lord Chamberlain
5. The Lord High Steward
6. The Lord High Constable
7. The Lord High Treasurer
8. The Lord High Admiral
9. The Lord High Steward
10. The Lord High Constable

MINERAL and BATTERY Works.

The Mineral Master General, and Chancellor of the Mineral Courts, &c. By Virtue of several Letters Patents, Commissions, and Orders of the High and Royal Mineral Courts. Ordereth that the following Encouragements shall be given to such Worthy Personages as shall be found Qualified to Officiate, as Treasurers, Collectors, Supervisors, Clerks, &c. for the Governors Assistants and Societies of the City of London, of and for the Mineral and the Battery Works, in several Parts of her Majesty's Realm, Territories and Dominions, viz.

Officers for the City of London.

Offices to be dispos'd off.

The Sum to be advanced.

The Interest to be Allow'd.

The Salleriet.

	l.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.
A Deputy Treasurer General to the Society in London.	2000	120: 00: 00	200: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Laton or Battery, and Brass Wire, and Pins.	4000	240: 00: 00	300: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Brass or Laton, Ingots and Cast Works	2000	120: 00: 00	200: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Iron and Steel Rods, Hoops, Battery and Wire.	4000	240: 00: 00	300: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Iron Cast Works.	2000	120: 00: 00	150: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Mineral Works.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Ceruse, Minium, and Verdigrease.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Copper Battery, Plate and Wire.	4000	240: 00: 00	300: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Sulphur, Mercury, and acid Mineral Spirits:	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
A Treasurer for Zaphire, and Smalt.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
<i>Treasurers for other Parts</i>			
For Dublin under the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.	4000	240: 00: 00	300: 00: 00
For Callamine Stone, Minerals, &c. in the Countries of } Gloucester, Worcester, and Monmouth }	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
For Copperas, Vitriol, Minerals, &c. in Derby and Staffordshire.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for Minerals, &c. in the upper Part of North Wales.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for South Wales	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for lower part of North Wales.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for Cheshire and Lancashire	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for Yorkshire.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for Cornwall.	4000	240: 00: 00	300: 00: 00
Ditto for Devonshire.	2000	120: 00: 00	150: 00: 00
Ditto for Westmorland, and Cumberland:	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto Bishoprick of Durham.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for North Britain the lower part.	2000	120: 00: 00	150: 00: 00
Ditto for the Highlands	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for the Orkneys.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for Ireland about Kerry.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
Ditto for Sligo, and Tipperary.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
For the the Isle of Man.	1000	60: 00: 00	100: 00: 00
For American Miners,	2000	120: 00: 00	200: 00: 00
Total	50000	3000: 00: 00	435: 00: 00
Interest and Salleriet	7250	for one Year deducted.	
Remains	42650		

These Treasurers will have large Sums of Money go through their Hands, and therefore must give good Security, besides laying down Caution Money at Interest as above.

All collectors to advance Three Years Salary, for which Money they shall have Interest over and above their Salleriet, but upon Misdemeanor, to have their Money back, and turn'd out.

All Supervisors Two Years Salary Ditto.

All Clerks one Years Salary Ditto.

If any Person afterwards proves unfit, they may Recommend others fitly Qualified, who shall Officiate for them, or repay them what they did Advance, otherwise the Society to find a Man, who shall and will serve, and return the Money Advanced.

All the Monies so advanced is to be Employ'd under the Treasurer, in that very Branch or Part of the Mineral and Battery Works, and produce of the Mines as they arise under him; but not to be ventured in Hazardous Work, or searching of Mines.

Note that all Officers shall have their Salleriet paid Quarterly, by the Treasurers of each Branch they belong to, and the Treasurer shall deduct that, and his own Salary, and Interest, upon Stating his Accounts.

If a Treasurer of any Branch, shall by Accident fall short of Cash, for want of Returns, or Sale of the Product or Manufactures; that in every such Case or Accident, the Chief Treasurer, or his Deputy to the Society, shall lend such Treasurer so much Money, as shall enable him to pay off the Salleriet of the Officers, and Workmen's Wages.